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In re: Application of H. Van Urk, D.J. Mead, P.H. Morton, Examiner: T.E. Strzelecka
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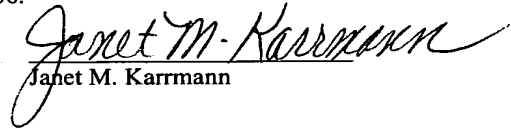
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2005

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 14, 2005, having a six-month extended period for response set to expire on May 15, 2006. Applicants also hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the

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time for reply through May 15, 2006. If any additional fees are required to continue the prosecution of this application, please charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

Also enclosed is a Declaration by Philip Morton dated May 12, 2006 submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

Applicants' Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this correspondence.
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